

MONDAY, Nov. 23, 1857.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment—prayer by the Chaplain—roll called, quorum present.

The Journal of Friday was read and adopted.

Mr. Truitt presented the petition of H. L. Brook ; referred to the committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Mr. Hyde presented the petition of B. Garrett ; referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Stockdale presented the memorial of the County Court of Calhoun county ; referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Scarborough presented the petition of certain Sheriffs and District Court Clerks ; referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Wren presented the petition of Jno. M. McLaughlin ; referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Throckmorton presented the petition of Thomas Stayton ; referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. McCulloch presented the petition of the members of the bar of Guadalupe county ; referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Russell, Chairman of the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported a bill to incorporate the Western Artesian Well Company, and to promote internal improvements between the Nueces and Rio Grande, correctly engrossed.

Mr. Potter, Chairman of the Judiciary committee, to which was referred a bill to amend the 21st section of an act to organize County Courts, approved March 16th, 1848, reported a substitute therefor, and recommended its adoption and passage.

Mr. Britton introduced a Joint Resolution, authorizing a company of mounted volunteers to be raised to operate between the Nueces and Rio Grande ; read first time.

Mr. Scarborough moved a suspension of the rule in order that the bill might be put upon its engrossment ; lost.

On motion of Mr. Potter, the bill was read by caption, and referred to the committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Potter introduced a bill to define the times of holding the sessions of the Supreme Court ; read first and second times, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Maverick, Mr. Paschal was excused from attendance on the Senate for three days.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill, supplemental to and amendatory of an act to regulate railroad companies, approved Feb. 17th, 1853, with the amendment offered thereto by Mr. Graham, which was under consideration on Tuesday last when the Senate adjourned, was read, and on motion of Mr. Potter, laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Stockdale, a bill to create the county of Aransas was taken up and read.

On motion of Mr. Stockdale, the caption was amended by striking out "Aransas," and inserting, in lieu thereof, "Bee," in honor of the late Hon. Barnard E. Bee.

On motion of Mr. Potter, the first section was amended by adding, thereto, "shall constitute a new county, to be called the county of Bee."

On motion of Mr. Stockdale, the bill was further amended by adding, to section 2d, the following proviso :

"Provided, that a point or points, not within five miles of the center, may be selected by said Court, and voted upon for the county seat ; but such point or points shall receive a majority of two-thirds of the votes cast, or shall fail of an election."

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Throckmorton, the rule was suspended, bill read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Stockdale, the bill supplemental to and amendatory of an act to regulate railroad companies, with the proposed amendment, was taken from the table.

On motion of Mr. Grimes, the Senate went into a committee of the whole upon the bill.

[Mr. GRIMES in the Chair.]

After considerable debate, the committee arose, and through its Chairman, reported various amendments, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the bill.

The report was received and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Guinn, the bill was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Wigfall, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.